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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,
NATIONAL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT

SUBJECT: Medical Intelligence

REFERENCE: Telephone request 10 February 1949.
Mr. Robert Blum to Dr. Willard Mackle

1. The National Security Act of 1947 recognizes the common interests and responsibilities of CIA and the IAC Agencies in matters of scientific and medical intelligence.

2. Informal discussions with medical representatives of the military services have led to the recommendation that medical intelligence be centralized, and that this can be done most effectively within the Office of Scientific Intelligence, CIA.

3. To implement effectively the centralization and to achieve best coordination and liaison between Medical Branch, Office of Scientific Intelligence, and the medical officers of the principal using agencies, it is requested that a medical officer from each of the three military departments be detailed to the Office of Scientific Intelligence, CIA. It will be the duty of the officers selected to:

a. Prepare requirements for guiding the collection of medical intelligence information.

b. Evaluate the information received and produce intelligence therefrom.

c. Assemble and transmit from CIA files information needed by the medical intelligence officers of the respective agencies.

d. Maintain contact with the respective principals and acquaint them with all matters of current importance.

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*. The Office of Scientific Intelligence, CIA, will be responsible for the administrative and operational control of the work of these officers.

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